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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a high powered delegation from Washington visited India recently to expand cooperation on counter terrorism;

(b) if so, the details of discussions held; and

(c) the outcome thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

(a) An inter-agency delegation from the United States led by the Special Coordinator for Counter-terrorism in the State Department visited New Delhi on 20-21 January 2002 for the fourth meeting of the India-U.S. Joint Working Group on Counter-terrorism.

(b) The two delegations discussed the current international terrorism situation, including in South Asia, and measures for further strengthening institutional, law enforcement, financial, military, intelligence cooperation between the two countries in combating terrorism.

(c) The two sides agreed to continue exchanging assessment on the international terrorism situation; further strengthen intelligence and investigation cooperation; expand training in preventive, protective and consequence management capabilities in both conventional and WMD terrorism; share experience on the efforts being made by the two countries to strengthen internal/homeland security; work together for the full implementation of UN Security Council Resolution 1373 of September 2001 on terrorism; strengthen military-military cooperation on counter-terrorism; and, cooperate on issues such as blocking terrorism financing, forensic capabilities and technological aspects of effective border management.